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March and its winds and its storms! March and its first signs of spring! Yes, March and its News Letter! This one is blowing you news from afar. There is a real gale that tells of some of Fan Lee Chow's experiences in free China. There is a south wind from Jamaica wafting to us the thoughts of Bretta Powles on Physical Education in the land of her adoption. There are puffs of wind here and there from this country and that, to give us news of graduates and friends connected with the school, some of whom have not been heard from for years. And if you feel like being a little spring gale yourself, try the game on page 3 that will either give you a lift on your way or blow you over completely.....This sounded so just-what-we-wanted for an opening paragraph, that we had not the heart to throw it into the waste-paper basket when Fan's article did not reach us, due to unavoidable difficulties...And since we added that sentence we have decided that either a heavy March storm or enemy action must have sent the ship, that was bringing Bretta's article, to the bottom of the ocean because it has not arrived either! We had word that she was sending it, but alas, that is all.

We had hoped to have a demonstration this spring, but a First Aid course that could not be put off until fall interfered with the practice periods. Instead the senior girls put on a very informal, brief Modern Dance programme in the Household Science gymnasium on Wednesday evening, March 1st, especially to give the I Year girls an idea of what the Modern Dance is like. After a demonstration of dance techniques, the students performed the dances they had composed individually or in pairs. The last number was Variations on a Theme, by the whole group.

Figure Skating is over for us for another season and golf has started (indoors) for the II Year girls. Bowling for the seniors is next on the programme and then---yes, you have guessed it, examinations!

The P. & H.E. girls have held their own in the intervarsity sports this year, and have also taken their share of responsibility in running off the various tournaments. They won in the following sports: Badminton, Basketball, Golf, Diving, tied for Tennis with Victoria, and Volleyball. And they got to the semi-finals in Ice Hockey! Margaret Lifton, who was in charge of the arrangements for the University College Athletic Banquet, has written the account of it given below.

"The Annual University College Athletic Banquet was held on March 14th at the Granite Club. Peggy Graeb, Athletic Director of U.C. was toastmistress. Dr. Ryerson, Miss Forster, Miss Jackson and most of the P. & H.E. students were present. Squadron Officer Jean Davey, R.C.A.F., W.D., was the guest speaker. She gave factual information in a very interesting way concerning the problems in Canada facing women college students who will be graduating in war time. Jean Barnhart and Donald Smith of P.H.E. were among the speakers. Miss Parkes presented Senior T's to five III Year Physical Education students: Jean Barnhart, Virginia Kitto, Jeanne Stinson, Connie O'Connor and Joan Davis; and Junior T's to Doris Clark, Badminton, Jean Haig, Golf, Irene Martin, Swimming and Diving, Betty Davis, Monica Folkersen, Gwen Inniss and Ruth Mustard of the championship Basketball team. Mollie Murray, I Year, won the University diving competition and will receive her award next fall. Professor McAndrew presented U.C. Honour Crests to Jean Haig, Golf, Doris Clark, Badminton, Irene Martin, Swimming and Margaret Lifton, Tennis."

-Margaret Lifton

The annual Physical and Health Education "At Home" was held Wednesday evening, March 22nd at the Balmy Beach Club, Queen Street East. The dance was informal, but the girls wore their prettiest short dresses, the place was attractive and the music good. Dr and Mrs. Ryerson led the Grand March, and Jeanne Wright, II Year was chosen the

typical physical education girl. The intermission programme included a dance by four of the senior girls, a song by Gwen Inniss and songs by two of the II Year men.

Since the December News Letter went out there have been three evening meetings of the M.E.S. Alumnae Association. The January meeting was held at Dona Smellie's, the February one at Helen Parson's and in March we went to Lois Russell Heaton's. The April meeting which is very important because the officers for next year will be elected then is to be held Tuesday evening, April 4th, at Kathleen Pepler Hall's, 722 Spadina Avenue, just below Bloor Street. At the meetings held recently the girls have been making pieces from men's old socks into afghans. If you do not know what to do with the old socks in your family, here is a solution to your difficulty! The meeting at Lois Heaton's was particularly interesting because Fan Lee Chow was there and told us something of her escape from Hong Kong, of her six-day ride in a sedan chair, her stay at Chungking and her trip by air from free China to India. Lois was in the office a few days ago and left a special message of thanks to you for all you have done to help her during her term of office as president. There is still plenty to do and your continued interest and help are needed.

Lieut. Curtis, formerly of "our ship", was in Toronto on leave recently and gave us much information concerning the boat and the needs of the crew. He also spoke of the heavy storm the Fairmile had been through and later Lieut. Jones, officer commanding the boat, known in official circles as "O97", sent us a clipping from the daily paper. We quote:

An East Coast Canadian Port, March 2-(CP)-"Six tiny Fairmile launches pushed their sleek noses into the teeth of the worst Maritime blizzard in years, February 24, on sudden orders to supply patrol protection, presumably for a convoy. The story of the 12-hour, night-long battle of the little ships and their crews, withheld until now for security reasons, was disclosed to-day by naval headquarters. Details of the job they were asked to do were not given. It was merely disclosed they performed duty normally expected of "big ships"....The motor launches were ordered to sea suddenly in the middle of the night, while the blizzard was at its worst.

The experience of "O97" was typical of the buffeting the patrol vessels took. Nearly half the dishes in the mess-decks were broken, crashed to the deck in the violent pitching, the commanding officer, Lieut. E.P. Jones of Edmonton and Halifax, reported later. "We came within 50 yards of crashing onto shoals at one time", Sub-lieut. D.G.M. Smith of St. Lambert, Que. related. He was on the bridge at the time. One of the hardest-worked men on the ship during the gruelling trip was the coxswain, Ls. H.D. Light of Windsor, Ont. He was at the helm for six hours, except for a few short reliefs."

Lieut. Jones wrote to Mrs. Heaton, "I read in the paper recently that we were also mentioned in Parliament, so you see we are making a name for ourselves". We certainly are proud of the "Maggie E." and its crew! By the way, the Alumnae Association has been presented with a framed picture of the ship's crew. Eventually you may see it hanging in the School office.

SPECIAL - There is a great need for Physical Education teachers now. If you are interested in taking a position either full or parttime, now, for the summer or in the fall, please let the office know at once.

From the Globe and Mail, February 22, 1944.-London, Ont.-"While visiting No. 3 C.W.A.C. basic training centre at Kitchener, Mary Churchill last summer expressed her admiration of the smartly tailored C.W.A.C. summer uniforms. That was the opening chapter of a story which was climaxed by the visit to No. 10 Downing St. of Major Doris Weston, as the guest of Miss Churchill. When Major Mary Barker went overseas last autumn, she recalled Mary Churchill's keen interest in the C.W.A.C. uniform. Quietly she went to Miss Churchill's company commander, obtained the required measurements, and returned to Canada. When Major Weston went to Great Britain this winter, she stowed a C.W.A.C. summer uniform in her luggage. Later she presented the uniform on behalf of the C.W.A.C. to a surprised and delighted Miss Churchill. Mary Churchill expressed her thanks by invit-

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ing Major Weston to No. 10 Downing Street for tea. "I was so excited I can't believe it happened," Major Weston later wrote to friends here. King's Regulations permit Miss Churchill to wear her new C.W.A.C. uniform, but only when "off duty" from her role in an ack-ack battery".

PASS AND TOUCH

Miss Forster of our staff, brought this game back from England when she was over for a summer course a few years ago. Some of the other teachers have tried it and like it very much.

Two teams A and B of from 5 - 10 players each.

Equipment - 1 basketball

Playing Space - boundary lines may be those of one third of a basketball court or one half of a badminton court, etc.

Each player on a team is given a number 1 - 10. Team A stand anywhere in their playing area. No. 1 of Team B stands on any given spot on the boundary line. The Leader throws the ball to No. 1 who bats it into the playing area. The nearest player of Team A will recover the ball and immediately calls out her own number. If 4, No. 5 immediately calls 5 until No. 4 locates her and passes the ball to her. The ball is then passed to 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, each calling her own number to speed the passing. No. 4 immediately on catching the ball again, calls "Stop". Meanwhile No. 1 of Team B is running and touching as many of Team A as possible. She may touch one person a number of times if she touches another person in between. Runner keeps her own score but must stop on the command "Stop". This is repeated until each member of Team B has had a turn. All the scores are added for a total team score. Teams are then reversed. The team with the highest score wins. Naturally the team that passes quickest and dodges best will win. Players may not run with the ball and out-of-bounds ball must be carried to boundary line and thrown quickly from there with no stop in the game.

NEWS NOTES:

While this is a special "News from Afar" issue, there are a great many items of interest concerning graduates in Canada, that we thought you would not want to miss and after all, news of home is news from afar to our friends in other countries!

Miss Hamilton spent a week in New York recently and almost the first person she saw was Mrs. Geddes, looking very trim and smart in her uniform of lieutenant (j.g.) of the United States Naval Reserve. Mrs. Geddes, with the Eastern Sea Frontier, is Assistant to the Chief of Staff and in charge of the Flag Secretary's office. Mr. Geddes is also in the United States Navy, at present stationed at Boston.

Miss Somers went to London on March 18th to be present at the organization meeting of the Western Ontario Physical Education Association. While there she was the guest of Mary Barker and saw a number of Margaret Eaton graduates over the week-end, including Betty Anderson, Gwen Baalim Holland, Phyllis Gale, Margaret Large, Jess Loaring Edmonson and Winnifred Prendergast.

Miss Jackson attended the meeting of the Women's Basketball Committee in New York recently.

Born on Wednesday, December 29, 1943, a son to Dr. Haist of the Physiology Staff and Mrs. Haist.

A "communique from Monteith" tells us that Leo Marcotte, formerly houseman for the residence, is now with the 28th Pioneers R.C.E. at Monteith. Leo is working as an assistant plumber, and is glad to be learning something. He says the passing through

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of the trains is the main feature of the place, but they have moving pictures twice a week and bingo and two evenings of dancing.

Katharine Scott, or "Scottie" a former nurse at Tanamakoon and known to many Margaret Eaton School graduates of the middle or late twenties, is now a Nursing Sister with the Canadian Orthopaedic Unit in Scotland. She says the Tanamakoon folder provided pictures for the walls of her hut for some time!

Constance Tavener, whom many of the more recent graduates will remember as the nurse at Tanamakoon both in the summer and in September, has returned home after four years overseas, and expects to be posted soon for instructional duty. Nursing Sister Tavener spent six months in North Africa and while there saw Nursing Sister Helen Couch who also was a nurse at one of our September camps. Miss Couch went on to Sicily with a replacement group. In London Miss Tavener saw Kae Light, a former student at The Margaret Eaton School, who went overseas with the C.W.A.C. Kae, as some of you know, was married over there to Major Wilson, a friend of some years standing in Canada.

An interesting letter from Miss May Walkden, who taught our senior students Remedials in 1941-42, tells that she is now Sister-in-charge of the Physiotherapy Department at the Westminster Hospital, London, S.W.1. Miss Walkden writes: "It's a large modern department, has a staff of 8 apart from myself, a Doctor in charge like Dr. Gardiner and is a medical school and training school for nurses, one of the big five. It's a very strenuous job, lots of organising to be done and I don't think I could be happier. I have found myself a flat and am trying to furnish it, which is a great problem.... Still it's fun in spite of coupons and rationing. If any of the Toronto girls come over, do tell them they are welcome to share what I have and to warm their toes at a real coal fire". (Ed.'s note: This was written before the renewed bombing raids over London.)

Lieut. Betty Anderson was in the city recently for the Ballet Russe. Betty has just returned to Kitchener from Ste. Anne de Bellevue where she attended the School of Instruction. Lieut. Phyllis Gale took over Betty's work in physical education at Kitchener when she left for her course.

Born on January 13, 1944, at Winnipeg, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolter (Norah Bannister) a son, John Albert.

Leading Wren Josephine Barrington has been transferred from St. Hyacinthe, Que. to Toronto

Friends of Kay Bird McWilliam will be glad to learn that her husband, P.O. James McWilliam has completed his first tour of operations and has returned home on leave.

Joan Brown was married on Feb. 12th, in the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, to Capt. Norman L. Hillary of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. They are living in Halifax.

Isabel Callan Macdonald and Kenneth have returned to Toronto to live while Pilot Officer Macdonald is away. They are sharing Shirley Naylor McCatty's apartment with her.

Diana Cameron from all accounts is enjoying her work in London. She and a New Zealand girl have an apartment together.

Because of the shortage of teachers, Edi Crawford Le Shana is teaching again at the Prince of Wales College, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Elia Cooke White and her two little boys are still living in Farnborough, England, according to a nice, long letter received recently by Elva Miller. Elia hops to come back to Canada to see her people when the war is over.

Marjorie Culbert Royal writes from Rio de Janeiro: "Yes, I'm always anxious to get

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home, but Rio is so lovely that I consider I'm pretty lucky to be here. It will be five years in May since I left Canada...What I want most of all is to ski with the snow piled up all around me...We're living right on the beach now in Copacabana with the sea just across the road and it's wonderful to come home from the Red Cross with flannel fluff from head to toe, and go for a cool swim. Our heat is starting now and we've had three weeks without rain so far, but it really hasn't been bad yet. Next month it will come in all its glory".

Jean Duncan was married in August 1939 to Malcolm Flemming Thomson of Port Patrick, Scotland. Two weeks after their marriage, Mr. Thomson was called back to the old country and Jean expected to join him later, in fact had her passage booked on the return trip of the Athenia, which was torpedoed the day war was declared. Mr. Thomson is now with the London Scottish in Italy and Jean has a position with the Ontario Government.

Margaret Dunning, new National Physical Education Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in New Zealand, is very busy in her new work. The most recent word her family have had, tells that she is to spend a month in each of 9 cities where she will conduct courses for the physical education leaders.

Alice Gates Grand is at her old post in Seaton House, Upper Canada College, Toronto.

Marian Glenwright's husband, Clayton Fuller, has been promoted to the rank of Major. Marian and her two children are still living in England.

A note from Mrs. Gordon, mother of Molly Gordon Reid, tells us that Molly's eldest, who will be 6 in August, is more keen about her gymn. work at school than anything else!

Lorna Gorman is now Mrs. Victor Frank. She was working for the B.B.C. in London and when the latter moved to Reading, Lorna went too. Her husband is also on the staff of the B.B.C. Lorna's address is 244 Peppard Road, Emmer Green, Reading, England.

We were pleased to have a call from Helen Gould early in January. Helen is a corporal in the R.C.A.F., W.D., Meteorology Trade, stationed in Calgary. At that time she was on her way to Trenton to take the N.C.O.'s course.

A cheerful letter from Barbara Grant Beck tells how nice it is to be back in England again where she can be near her husband, Major Kenneth Beck of the English Reconnaissance Corps. Barbara says they have not been able to get into their own house yet, but are living next door. Barbara has three children, Sula and Kingsley, and a new baby, named Lawford Grant after her father, just 2½ months old when she wrote the last of January. Both Barbara's brothers are on active service.

Mona Harper Charbonnet's friends will be interested to hear that she and her little three-year old son, L. Sidney, are living with Mona's parents at 63 Sewell St., Saint John, N.B., while her husband, Major Sidney Charbonnet is overseas. Mona writes, "As you know we have been living in New Orleans, Louisiana, up until about two years ago when Sidney joined the Medical Corps. Then we were stationed at "Fort Benning" in Georgia, a perfectly marvelous spot, and we loved it there. We were so fortunate, we had a whole year there." Her husband is now head of "Chest Surgery" for the hospital to which he is attached in Tunisia, and her brother Dan is also overseas. "As for myself", she writes, "I have completely recovered from my lengthy illness, and feel as spry and young as I did at M.E.S. I am teaching First Aid for the Canadian Red Cross, studying French and public speaking, playing badminton and bowling". Mona plays badminton with Jean King who, she says, "is doing one grand job at the Y."

Doris Hibbard of this year's senior class, was married on December 22nd in the Chapel of the School of Missions to Sgt. F.H. Rundle, R.C.A.F., Edmonton, Alberta. Doris is

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finishing her course.

Wren Peggy Hickey was married recently in Sydney, N.S. to AB Charles Henry Hurd, R.C.N. V.R. of Birchcliff, Ontario. The marriage took place in the naval chapel of H.M.C.S. Protector II. The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, Mrs. M. Hickey of Port Credit, was attended by a fellow Wren and the groom by his brother, also in the Navy.

Roberta Hill Elkin is living in Digby to be near her husband, who is stationed at H.M. C.S. Cornwallis, N.S.

Barbara Jones has been promoted to Leading Wren, and is now stationed at No.1 Station, H.M.C.S., Bytown, Ottawa.

Mary Keir, R.C.A.F., W.D., Wireless Operator, is stationed at Sea Island, B.C. From all reports, Mary has had some wonderful experiences.

Dorothy Laidlaw is working in the office of the Film Board, Ottawa.

All the friends of Fan Lee Chow are delighted to see her again and to know that she is in Canada once more. As far as Fan knows, Jean Mark Lee, her mother, her husband and her little son, are still in Hong Kong.

Blanche Logie Manning has a son, Robert John, born May 29th, 1942.

Born, to Della MacFarlane Cody and Norman Cody on Dec. 11, 1943, a daughter, Sharon Dee.

Comparatively recent word from Norah Magnan Duly tells that she and the children are well and still at Umtali. Her husband is stationed in Egypt.

A visitor to the office since Christmas, was Clarice Mann Taylor. Clarice had just returned from Truro, N.S. where she had been spending a short time with her husband who was stationed at Debert. We were sorry to hear of the death in October of Clarice's only brother, Mr. Elmer Mann. Clarice and her 2 little boys are living in Oshawa now with Mrs. Mann.

Sub-lieut. Winnifred McEvoy was married on March 25th in St. Anne's Anglican Church to Sub-lieut. William Campbell Kennedy of Nanaimo, B.C. After a brief honeymoon Winnifred will return to her station at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis and Sub-lieut. Kennedy to St. Hyacinthe, Que.

Jessie McGibbon was married in the Wesley Memorial Church, Moncton, N.B. on December 29th, 1943, to Corporal Reginald Earl Taylor, R.C.A.F. Jessie is completing her year at the Shawinigan Falls High School.

Nancy McKean, on a long week-end from her school position in Montreal, and Barbara Halliday, on leave from the R.C.A.F., W.D., were recent visitors to the School. Since this call Barbara has been posted to Centralia, where she looks after the physical education and recreation of the W.D.'s.

Jean Meredith Burke is teaching this year at the Flintridge School in California. Her husband is in one of the Services.

Netta Morrison Kennedy is looking after her husband's business while he is overseas as well as her home and her two children. Netta also finds time to teach her elder little girl to play the bagpipes!

Irma Moyer Manning, her husband and 3 little girls, Jane, Mary and Carolyn still live in Rawalpindi, India, and as far as we know are all well, and happy to be together.

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Miss Somers had a nice letter from Joyce O'Neill recently, from which we quote: "The cities and people look grab, as indeed they are, but everyone makes the best of things and is very cheerful. I am quite used to all the restrictions and rationing now-- they really have made a marvellous job of it all. The blackout is about the worst nuisance, but the days are lengthening noticeably now, which is very encouraging. It starts at 6 and ends at 8:30 a.m. which isn't too bad. We keep our own hens so get a fair number of eggs, and the shops had some oranges this week which was very exciting. There is lots of food here though rather monotonous, and not much fruit. Everyone is very healthy, and a lot of people have lost weight (which is a good thing for some of them!)"'. Joyce's home coming was saddened by the death of her father, Mr. C.A. O'Neill on January 13th. We all sympathize with Joyce and her family.

Helen Parsons has joined the W.R.C.N.S. and has been taking her basic training at Galt.

Helen Patterson Broom flew east with Mr. Broom from Vancouver in January for a short visit.

Born on February 14th to Lt. Col. and Mrs. W.G.D. Wood (Mabel Peart) a daughter, Mary Jean.

Mary Pelling 4 T 3 was married on Saturday, December 18th, to Mr. Charles R. Cobb. The reception was held in the big rooms on the second floor of the School.

Kathleen Pepler Hall has returned from a ten weeks' visit at an Atlantic port in the United States with her husband, Lieut. Commander H. J. Hall. While there Kathleen attended the commissioning of H.M.S. Stayner.

We congratulate Bess Pitt whose Home Nursing Class of the Eaton Girls' Club, won the award of the St. John Ambulance Association for the best appearance in the annual examination.

Winnifred Prendergast has been appointed Secretary of the new Western Ontario Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Winnifred has been one of the prime movers in its organization.

Born to Lieut. R. E. Dorsey and Mrs. Dorsey (Florence Riley) on February 1, 1944, a son, John.

Margaret Ross has been appointed supervisor of physical education in the public schools elementary and secondary, in the town of New Glasgow, N.S. A recent letter tells us that she teaches 1600 pupils once a week and is most enthusiastic about her work.

Evelyn Wilson Schwerin, her husband and two children, Franklin and Lenore, have moved to their new home at 346 McKinley Street, Gary, Indiana.

AWL Norah Sharpe was home on leave recently and came in to see us all. Norah is stationed with the Eastern Air Command and often sees Mary Thompson, who is at the same station. Norah is still interested in Physical Education and plays badminton, basketball and hockey to keep in condition.

Muriel Sinclair was successful in obtaining her R.N. and is now a nursing-sister in the Canadian Army, stationed at Camp Borden.

Born on December 30, 1943, to Lieut. and Mrs. Campbell Spratt (Elise Smyth) a son, Eric Campbell. Elise was in Sydney all summer while her husband was in England, but they are now living at 22 Beaumont Street, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Major Doris Weston, who has been attached to the A.T.S. in England for instructional purposes, was chosen to be Company Commander for the Passing Out Parade at the A.T.S.

Junior Officers School the last of February, the first time a Canadian has ever been chosen. Doris has just recently arrived back in Canada.

Phyllis White Fraser, her husband and baby daughter, Diane, have returned to California to live. Their address is 1141 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. Oakhurst Drive, Los Angeles 35.

Peg Wilkin Armstrong was doing part time work in the nursery school at Elmwood, Ottawa, until her husband was transferred to Moncton, N. B. in February. They are living at 108 Botsford Street.

Born, on February 28th, 1944 to Pilot Officer and Mrs. R. G. Milward (Ruth Woodsworth) a daughter, Ann Gwynne.

Julia Wright, from her post with the Eastern Air Command, writes of the pleasure it gave her to receive a Valentine card from the Alumnae Association. Julia was home at New Year's.

Mary Elizabeth Wright, who went overseas recently with the Canadian Red Cross, reached London just three days before the bombing started again. Mrs. Wright tells us that Mary Lib "apparently is enjoying every minute and is most enthusiastic about everything". Her address is Canadian Red Cross Corps Headquarters, 3 Burlington Gardens, London, W.1.

Betty Cranston was married March 4th, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto, to Charles V. Robinson of the R.C.N.V.R. Betty has six weeks leave of absence from her work in the Winnipeg Y.W.C.A. and is staying in Toronto while her husband is stationed at H.M.C.S. York.

We extend our sincere sympathy to:

Grace Baxter Alban in the death of her mother, Mrs. James B. Baxter, on Friday morning February 4th, 1944.

Jean Finch in the death overseas of her younger brother, Pilot Officer Finch.

Gladys Hammer in the death of her father, Mr. H. A. Hammer, who passed away suddenly at his home, R. R. # 2, St. George, Ont. on Monday, February 21st.

Gertrude Moore, in the death of her father, Mr. S. H. Moore, in Toronto on March 3rd.

Mabel Peart Wood, in the death of her father, Mr. T. W. Peart, last April and in the loss of her brother Sgt. E. B. Peart, who was reported missing in June. The family has been notified that Sgt. Peart is now "presumed dead".

Mrs. Cameron Stewart, in the sudden death due to a motor accident, of her sister, Mrs. M. M. Ramsay, on Friday, February 11th.

Charlotte H. Layton